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Subject: RE: Today's What's In the Water Special & Tommorow's story "SUPERFUND SITES ON LONG ISLAND"

Attachments: Resp-FOIL#13-08-239-9_11_13.pdf; Argonne-Radium.pdf

Dear Emily & Pat: Just in time for NEWS12's & NEWSDAY's What's in the Water specials, the attached FOIL response arrived last Saturday. The following passage explains why nationwide cancer rates are out of control:

"NYSDOH and EPA do not have an equivalent table for naturally occurring beta and photon emitters. A
radionuclides expert in the NYSDOH reviews all cases that are brought to our attention individually when
naturally occurring beta emitting radionuclides are found in drinking water."

This means it's been impossible during the past <u>37 years</u> for either NYSDOH or EPA to certify compliance with the 4 mrem MCL of any public water system by performing "Sum-of-the-Fractions" calculations mandated in the EPA's radionuclides regulations set in 1976.

I copied some EPA officials in case you want to ask them Why neither NYSDOH or EPA have an equivalent table for naturally occurring beta and photon emitters; including the most deadly isotopes Lead-210 & Radium-228?

Did they ever read the attached Argonne-Radium.pdf showing Radium-226 also emits powerful Beta & Alpha particles; contrary to this erroneous statement by some NYSDOH radionuclides expert:

 "Please note that Radium-226 is an alpha particle emitter, and Radium-228 is a naturally occurring beta particle emitter. Therefore, the MCL of 4 mrem/year is not applied to these isotopes. However, they are regulated with the combined Radium-226/228 MCL of 5 pCi/L"?

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